

**Hot Issue / Briefing Paper
for Regional Administrator or Deputy Regional Administrator**

UPDATE: Mountaire Farms Delaware Nitrate Contamination

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Issue/Topic:

On February 12, 2018 EPA met with representatives of Mountaire Farms. The meeting was scheduled at Mountaire's request following

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Background:

- Mountaire admits they have had exceedances in the amount of nitrates they sprayed pursuant to their DNREC issued Land Application permit,

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- Earlier this month, Mountaire announced that they were offering to assist approximately 88 homeowners around the facility with alternative water sources (deeper wells, developing a public water system with Tidewater Utilities).

Direction/Decision:

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Political Interest (local/state/federal/tribal):

We are working on addressing numerous FOIA's from citizens, citizen's groups, the press, environmental groups and attorneys.

Follow-up:

Region III will continue to work cooperatively with DNREC and the Delaware Attorney General's Office to have Mountaire Farms supply a permanent alternate source of drinking water to residents in Millsboro, Delaware.